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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Professor EDDINGTON, F.R.S., PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the year 1921 was read, and is given on p. 238.

The Annual Report of the Council was partly read.

The Address was delivered by the President, after which the Gold Medal was handed to Dr. James Hopwood Jeans, to whom it had been awarded for his contributions to the Theories of Cosmogony.

The President having appointed the Scrutineers, the Society proceeded to the ballot for Officers and Council for the ensuing year. The names of those elected are given on p. 289.

Colonel Grove-Hills explained that immediately on being informed by the President that the Council wished him to come forward for election to the office of Treasurer he had carefully gone into the question of the finances of the Society.

It was clear that, mainly owing to the great rise in the cost of printing, the income of the Society did not now cover the expenditure, and that if full power of publication were to be maintained it was

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urgent that some action should be taken without delay. He had therefore approached a few Fellows and obtained gifts from them, amounting to about £600, to form the nucleus of a fund designed to tide the Society over the next four or five years, by which time it was to be hoped that prices would have come down and more permanent measures could be taken.

The Council had approved his action, and authorised him to proceed with the collection of a Special Fund.

He estimated the total amount required as about £1800, and he now earnestly appealed to all Fellows and Associates to assist, to the utmost of their ability, with donations to this Fund.

He also pointed out that the best way of ensuring the solvency of the Society was by an increase of membership, and he strongly urged all Fellows to lose no opportunity of getting suitable new candidates to come forward.

The thanks of the Meeting were given to the retiring Members of Council, and also to the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts and to the Scrutineers of the ballot.

Lieut. Gordon Dixon Brown, R.N.R., The Shack, Dolvin Road, Tavistock, S. Devon;

Arnold Buxton, M.A., Senior Lecturer, Mathematics Dept., Technical College, Cardiff;

Herbert Dingle, Lecturer on Astrophysics, Imperial College of Science, S. Kensington, 21 Queen Elizabeth's Walk, Stoke Newington, London, N. 16;

Commander Donald Dowdy, R.D., R.N.R., 1 Cannon Court, Brighton, Sussex;

Alfred Charles Gardner, M.Inst.C.E., F.G.S., West View, Healing, Lincs.;

Dr. Henri Nort, Krugerlaan 3, Gouda, Holland;

Egon Sharpe Pearson, B.A, 7 Well Road, Hampstead, London, N.W. 3;

Bertrand M. Peek, M.A., Gorse Cliff School, Boscombe, Bournemouth; and

Inkerman Rogers, F.G.S., 38 Tudor Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey,

were balloted for and duly elected Fellows of the Society.

The following candidates were proposed for election as Fellows of the Society, the names of the proposers from personal knowledge being appended:—

Ronald Edward Beare, Nautical Instructor, 16 Newcombe Road, Southampton (proposed by W. G. Gilchrist);

Rev. William Edwards, The Manse, Caerau, near Bridgend, Glamorganshire (proposed by M. Proctor);

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Rev. John Hixon Irving, Cressington Avenue, Higher Tranmere, Cheshire (proposed by W. Phillips);
Richard Marshall, F.R.Met.Soc., 118 Ribblesdale Road, Streatham, London, S.W. 16 (proposed by Harold Jeffreys);
Mrs. Howard Pease, Otterburn Tower, Otterburn, Northumberland (proposed by E. H. Grove-Hills); and
Rev. John Henry Wilkins, M.A., D.D., Westbury on Trym, Bristol (proposed by I. T. Warner-Staples).

Report of the Council to the Hundred and Second Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The following table shows the progress and present state of the Society:—

	Patron	Honorary Member	Fellows: Compounders.	Fellows: Annual Subscribers	Associates	Total
1920 December 31	1	1	230	511	48	791
Since elected	...	...	+ 7	+45	+4	...
Deceased	...	...	−12	−16	−3	...
Resigned	...	...	...	− 4	...	...
Since compounded	...	...	+ 3	− 3	...	...
Removed from list	...	...	...	− 6	...	...
1921 December 31	1	1	228	527	49	806

(Five Associates are also Fellows, and are therefore counted twice in the above table.)

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